

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Smt.Yekula Kalavathi, P&E Inspector and (17) other P&E Officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Visakhapatnam District – Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries - Appointed as Inquiring Authority - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.378

Dated:18.04.2023
Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.69/RCO-WSP/2012, Dated:12-11-2012
2. Govt. Memo.No.51872/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo.No.51872/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:01-07-2013.
4. Orders dated:27-04-2021 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No.8769 of 2021 filed by Sri Chintagada Dasu, P&E Superintendent, Visakhapatnam District.
5. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extraordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
6. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A.(Ser.E)Department, dt:18.08.2022.
7. U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8, Genl. Admn.(COI)Dept., dt:29.11.2022.

ORDER :

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (final report) Lr.Rc.No.69/RCO-WSP/2012, Dated:12-11-2012 (Cr.No.05/RCO-ACB-VSP/2012) vide reference 1st read above, in respect of Visakhapatnam District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Smt.Yekula Kalavathi, Prohibition & Excise Inspector and (18) other P&E Officials of Visakhapatnam district, recommended to place them on their defense before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their cases to TDP. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers.

2. Whereas Sri Chintagada Dasu, P&E Superintendent, Visakhapatnam District (TEC No.354/2013) filed WP.No.8769 of 2021 before the Hon'ble High Court for challenging disciplinary proceedings issued against him vide Tribunal Enquiry case No. 375/2013 & 354/2013 in two liquor syndicate cases of Visakhapatnam district. The Hon'ble High Court has passed the orders dated:27-04-2021 in the above said writ petition, directed the respondents to conclude the enquiry under Tribunal Enquiry case No.354 and 375 of 2013 within a period of five(5) months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order, falling which the enquiry shall stand closed and the charge memo shall stand quashed. The same is under examination by the Government.

3. Whereas certain charged officers including Sri Bolam Ram Mohan Reddy, P&E Inspector, Sri Bodasingi Nagaveni, P&E Inspector and Sri Gedhada Ramesh Babu, P&E Inspector have filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the charge memos issued against them and same are pending with the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard, the Government Pleader for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and the Hon'ble High Court directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

4. And whereas, in the Act 5th read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be disposed off by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct of the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice"

5. Whereas, the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP and allotted/transferred same to the Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 6th read above for conducting regular enquiry.

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6. Accordingly, the above cases of Smt.Yekula Kalavathi, P&E Inspector and (18) other P&E Officials, Visakhapatnam District has been allotted/entrusted to Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers vide reference 7th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the following charged officers on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular enquiry into the charges framed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Visakhapatnam District:

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	Yekula Kalavathi	P&E Inspector	Circle-I,Vizag.	5	352/2013
2	Bolam Ram Mohan Reddy	-do-	Circle-II,Vizag.	6	353/2013
3	Bodasingi Nagaveni	-do-	Circle-IV, Vizag.	8	355/2013
4	Sirigindeedi Srinivasa Rao	-do-	Bheemilli	9	356/2013
5	Pogiri Krishna Rao	-do-	Bheemili	10	357/2013
6	Gedhada Ramesh Babu	-do-	Dendurthy	12	358/2013
7	Marotu V.S.Lokeswara Rao	-do-	Anakapally	13	359/2013
8	Kanithi Jaya Simha Chowdary	-do-	Gajuwaka	14	360/2013
9	Dalli Venkata Prandama Reddy	-do-	Sabbavaran	15	361/2013
10	Adatakula Santhosh	-do-	Chodavaram	16	362/2013
11	Bh.Kiran Maneswari	FAC P&E Insp	V.Madugula	17	363/2013
12	Murla Surya Rao	P&E I	V.Madugula	18	364/2013
13	Koya Mallikarjuna Rao	-do-	Chintapalli	20	366/2013
14	Challa Rajeswari	-do-	Yelamanchilli	22	367/2013
15	T.V.R.Murthy	-do-	Payakaraopeta	23	368/2013
16	Killi Mutya Babu	-do-	Paderu	24	369/2013
17	Majji Srinivasa Reddy	FAC P&EI	Araku	25	370/2013
18	Kuniseti YNBR Kumar	P&E I	Araku	26	371/2013

8. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 7 above, for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of Visakhapatnam and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the enquiry report to the Government within 4 months(keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by the certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon'ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi (with enclosures i.e the record of the case which received from the TDP).

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Copy to:

Smt.Yekula Kalavathi, P&E Inspector and (17) other P&E Officials, Visakhapatnam District
(Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission,
Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudu,
Guntur District.

The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi.

Sri Kolanvanti Pridhvi Raj, Panel Advocate and Presenting Officer.

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SECTION OFFICER
